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Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Two Special Sites Dedicated

by Jaime Schmidt, Forester, Avery District

A ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the old Milwaukee Railroad grade as a new Shoshone County roadway also marked the completion of a \$700,000 partnership



District employee Marion Ryan, and his wife, Venita, joined others in wearing vintage dress, adding a sense of nostalgia to the event.

program between Avery Ranger District and the county.

The town of Avery was connected to its county seat by a rough, winding dirt road crossing a mountain pass. The first 12 miles of road have now been replaced by a rehabilitated railroad bed, providing a faster, safer and more scenic drive for local residents and visitors alike.

The project began in 1987 after Congress purchased the railroad bed for the Forest Service. The Idaho Panhandle NFs then began a partnership with the county to convert the section of railroad bed to county highway. County work crews contributed nearly \$200,000 in labor, machinery, time and materials by clearing debris, blading the gravel railroad bed into shape as a road, installing signs and building approaches and installing a connecting bridge where the railroad and old county road diverge. The Forest Service purchased a prefabricated bridge for the intersection and contracted to have decking installed on the two railroad trestles. This, combined with engineering design and support, added up to over \$500,000 as the federal contribution.



Avery Ranger Crockett Dumas offers the scissors to Fred Mass, District Ranger from 1935-42, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the historic Avery Ranger Station.

The 1909 Avery Ranger Station was dedicated earlier the same day, having been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Cooperative efforts over the past three years between the U.S. Army Reserve and the Forest Service resulted in the restoration of this historic building.

The dedications were celebrated in conjunction with the annual Avery Ranger District Old Timers Reunion and brought together Forest Service and county officials, representatives of Senator James McClure, and retired Milwaukee Railroad and Forest Service personnel.

Forest Hires Co-op Ed Lands Trainee

by Susan Newell, Realty Specialist

Armand "Tibbs" Crispen, the Custer NF, and Eastern Montana College formed a unique partnership in January, 1989. The Forest provides on-the-job training and the college provides a course of academic study leading to a Bachelor's degree. Crispen is melding the two to achieve a rewarding career for himself. The Forest Service benefits by having an employee with both on-the-job training and a college education.

This first-ever partnership is unusual for two reasons. Crispen is a first as a co-op ed trainee for Lands. For the academic aspects of his training, he will complete a business administration degree with emphasis on lands and real estate. Specialized course work will include real estate law, contract law, United States lands policy, drafting, basic civil engineering, land appraisal and negotiations. The coursework is regularly scheduled college classes, internships/independent studies, and training provided by the Custer NF.

Funding is the second reason this partnership is unique. A collaborative effort with area outdoors and sportsman's clubs is providing funding to assist with travel and per diem expenses

associated with Crispen's legal research on access issues. Groups who have made contributions include Billings Rod and Gun, Custer Rod and Gun, Magic City Fly Fishers, Rimrock 4x4's, Walleye Unlimited, Yellow-Horn Fly Fishers and Stillwater Sportsmen Association. Club donations, along with some initial funding from R.O. Lands, have made this program possible.

A significant aspect of Crispen's co-op ed experience is the time each year he works on the Forest. This past summer, he researched the legal title to Forest access roads, worked on withdrawals, reviewed and updated status records, worked on Districts to update title records and worked with the R.O. status section to enter electronic data for the LOS (Land Ownership Status) system.

Crispen is a member of the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe from south central Oregon. Growing up in rural Montana and Oregon has shaped much of his positive and concerned attitude about the environment. A background in agriculture and timber convinced Crispen that he wanted a college degree and a career rather than a job. Involvement in the Custer NF's co-op ed program provides an avenue for combining his concerns, interests and ambition.

Beaverhead National Forest

CRAG Cares for Human Resources

by Jack DeGolla, Public Affairs Specialist

It's needed work with a rough-sounding acronym: CRAG. The "Civil Rights Action Group" provides Beaverhead NF employees with a softer service than the abbreviation implies.

According to the group's chair, Kelley Liston, two dozen people from around the Beaverhead conduct CRAG activities. The entire group meets five or six times a year to plan, fine-tune special employee programs, and advise the Forest's management team.

This year, the group sponsored a workshop on filling out SF-171 job applications. The session was taped and transcribed, so those who missed it can still take advantage of the tips offered.

CRAG co-sponsored a session on stress that was held as a family potluck at Birch Creek Work Center, north of Dillon. Consultants from Bozeman gave talks on coping with stress, both on the job and at home. Planned for the fall is a session for the general public on getting a federal job.

The group keeps several projects running on a continuing basis. All supervisory job applicants must now describe their knowledge of the Forest Service's civil rights program when they respond to evaluation criteria. This enables a selecting official to see who has served on civil rights groups before, who has been involved in recruiting, and so on.

The group also keeps employees informed of vacancies, to encourage a diversity of applicants. The CRAG umbrella covers the Federal Women's, disabled persons, Asian American, Hispanic Employment, and Native American programs, which each

have information-dispersing networks.

But, the biggest task ahead is revising the Beaverhead's multi-year affirmative action plan. Kelley said the new plan needs to readdress some old issues and attack new ones, including sexual harassment, retaining recruits, and keeping affirmative action candidates. A new Beaverhead Civil Rights plan will determine how to meet the Chief's goals for a more diverse workforce, and focus on integrating cultural differences into the "Forest Service family," rather than simply addressing numbers of people.

Retirees !

Regional Forester/Retirees Meeting Scheduled

December 6 is the day set for Regional Forester John Mumma's annual meeting with retirees. He will bring retirees up to date on current programs, and the issues and concerns throughout the Region. The meeting will be at the Quality Inn in Missoula at 1:30 p.m. A no-host luncheon is scheduled from 12:00 to 1:00 (\$4.75). Please contact Gayle McMurray of the R.O. Information Office, (406) 320-3099, if you plan to attend.

Judith Ranger District Wins First Prize

*by Tom Osen, Range Technician
and Karl Parker, District Clerk*

In keeping with Montana's Centennial Theme in 1989, Judith Ranger District built a scale replica of the Judith Guard Station for their entry in the Judith Basin County Fair Parade. Appreciation for the effort and detail put into this project was evident from the applause from local townsfolk in attendance and a first place award from a field of 21 judged entries.

The guard station was built in 1908 for \$408.00 by Thomas G. Meyers, the first ranger to serve at the station. It is a familiar landmark on the South Fork of Judith River in Judith Basin County. District employees and their families built the replica for the parade.



Regional News

Idaho Rivers Symposium Coming

A year ago the 25th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was celebrated with a symposium in Washington D.C. As a followup, the "Idaho Rivers Symposium: A Confluence of Interests" is planned for January 12 and 13 in Boise, Idaho.

The Idaho Rivers Symposium is designed for anyone who uses or loves Idaho's rivers and streams. It's an opportunity for citizens to learn how they can be effective participants in building the future of Idaho's rivers. It will bring the divergent interests of river users to a common agenda: the future of our rivers and streams. Recreational users; landowners; and agricultural, timber and mining interests, while each holding separate views, share a common objective in conserving and protecting the lifeblood of the State. Through this symposium all can improve their understanding of, and respect for, shared rights and responsibilities along the river's edge.

The Northern Rockies Rivers Project, a private group, is organizing the function. Funding is being provided by another private organization, American Rivers, Inc., with 13 Federal and State agencies, conservation organizations and recreation organizations serving as co-sponsors.

Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall; U.S. Representative Larry Craig; Governor of Idaho Cecil Andrus; and Professor of Environmental History Dr. Roderick Nash, are all confirmed speakers. Other special guests invited are Chief Dale Robertson; Director of the National Park Service James Ridenour; and Director of the Bureau of Land Management Cy Jamison.

The agenda foretells a stimulating and worthwhile two days with topics such as "River Users Speak Out," "The Payette River Under the Planner's Microscope," "River Photography Workshop," "The Push to Designate," and "The Snake River from Headwaters to Confluence." The symposium finishes with a panel

Missoula Area

Combined Federal Campaign in Progress

Missoula County's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) began October 16 and will continue through November 17. The Combined Federal Campaign is a once-a-year, on-the-job solicitation of Federal employees on behalf of private charitable agencies. As an employee, you can designate which, among a list of about 400 national and 34 local charities, you would like your contribution to go to. If no designation is made, your contribution will go to the Principal Combined Fund Organization (United Way). They will then choose charities to receive these funds based upon their best perception of community, national and international needs.

What you give need not depend on how much cash you have at the time you are solicited, because of a payroll allotment plan that helps spread your gift in small payments over a full 12 months.

The CFC goal for Missoula County this year is \$39,500, and the Forest Service' goal is \$30,500. Last year the Forest Service contributed \$29,577, or 78 percent of the total CFC goal in Missoula County, and of that, retirees contributed \$1,745.

Randy Phillips, regional appeals coordinator, is the Missoula County Coordinator; Scott Bixler, land law examiner in the R.O. is Chairman; and Jill Blaine, computer specialist in R.O. management systems, is Vice Chairman.

that includes Consultant Ed Chaney, Dr. William McLaughlin, University of Idaho; Senator Laird Noh, Idaho State Senate; and Forest Supervisor Tom Kovalicky, Nez Perce NF.

For registration information contact Earl Reinsel, Region One Regional Office, (406) 329-3399; Vicki Lawson, Boise National Forest, (208) 364-4156; or Wendy Wilson, Director of the Northern Rockies River Project, Boise, (208) 343-7481.

Retirees Tour Magruder Corridor

by Mike Oliver, Public Affairs Officer

Clear skies and spectacular vistas greeted nearly 40 Forest Service retirees who attended a tour of the Magruder Corridor on the Bitterroot NF this fall. The tour, commemorating the 25th year since the passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964, provided an opportunity for retirees to visit the corridor that divides the Selway-Bitterroot and the Frank Church-River of No Return Wildernesses.

The 11-hour tour started in Hamilton, Montana, and included stops at the Montana-Idaho Divide, historic Magruder Ranger Station, Observation Point Vista, Gold Pan Lake Vista, and historic Horse Heaven Cabin. At Horse Heaven Cabin, the West Fork Ranger District Resource Assistant presented a program highlighting recent restoration work on the cabin and outlined current plans for a cultural and historical interpretation program for the Magruder Backcountry Road. Horse Heaven Cabin received the 1989 Orchid Award for excellence in historic preservation from the Idaho Historic Preservation Council.

Tour guests included Bill Worf, retired Director of Recreation, Wilderness and Lands, and Jack Puckett, former Ranger on Powell District.

Worf helped draft the original language for the Wilderness Act, and Puckett was instrumental in helping to establish the program for reintroduction of natural fire to wilderness.



Retirees enjoy a lunch break near Horse Heaven Cabin.

As The Public Sees It -----

This letter from D. Keith Robinson of Mountain Logs in Hamilton, Montana, was received by the Bitterroot NF regarding the retirees tour related above:

"Dear Supervisor:

"I read with interest the recent article in the Ravalli Republic describing the senior citizens tour conducted by the USFS in partnership with Super 1 Foods. Amid all the friction and adversity of late between the public and your agency that centers around the timber industry, it is refreshing to see a project as meaningful and public spirited as this one must have been. I am sure that the participants must have been delighted.

"I would like to compliment your department and Mr. Spradlin, the tour leader, for this public service. It is nice to see that our local Forest Service and tax dollars are being put to use for things other than timber controversy.

Sincerely,
D. Keith Robinson"

Nez Perce National Forest

Memorial Held For Smokejumpers

by Julla Hauger, Moose Creek Ranger Station

On September 8, a memorial was held at Moose Creek Ranger Station, in the heart of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. It was a memorial in remembrance of two smokejumpers, Gary Williams and John Rolf, and past Nez Perce Forest Supervisor Alva Blackerby — all of whom perished in a plane crash at the site on August 4, 1959.

The Ford tri-motor they were traveling in was surveying the fire situation and had just dropped two jumpers at the Three Links area. While attempting to land, the plane was hit by a strong gust of wind and was swerved into some gas barrels at the side of the landing strip, causing the plane to explode into flames.

Survivors in the crash were Roland Stoleson and pilot Herbert Culver.

A bronze plaque, designed and molded by George Cross of Missoula, has been set in place on a rock at the front entrance to the Moose Creek Ranger Station administrative building.

"Head 'em up . . . Move 'em out"

*Excerpts from a story by Bernard Lea, Realty Specialist,
Lewis and Clark National Forest.*

When Bernard Lea was asked to assist with the 1989 Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive, he jumped at the chance. Following are excerpts from his account of the experience.

"My great adventure began on August 31 and lasted until September 9, 1989. It was the '89 Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive, and it was the most exciting experience I have ever had! I arrived in Roundup on August



A "wagon circle"

31 to assist Wagon Master Gwen McKittrick in organizing the wagon train.

"Wagons were assigned to 'wagon circles,' which were identified by colors. There were ten color circles. Each color included people from a group of counties somewhere in the State. For four days I worked the gate entering the wagon staging area and led people to where they were to camp until we left.... This camp was approximately 300 acres in size, so we used our saddle horses as our mode of transportation."

"When we left Roundup on Labor Day, September 4, (for Billings) we had 188 wagons, 2,700 cattle, 3,200 riders and 3,500 horses. (Lea said riders moved the cattle in bunches of 300 head while on the highway, and gathered them into one herd for the rest of the drive.)

"The drive traveled about 10 to 12 miles a day for six days. The first two



Bernard Lea and Rocky

days we followed the highway, and the remainder of the trip was cross-country, with short distances on county roads.

"There was live music every night, with numerous entertainers providing their services. There were several cowboy poets along who provided some of the best entertainment because they made up poems as we went."

"I have never been associated with so many 'can-do' people as those committed to make this drive. When it finally got down to the grass-roots type people who will not accept the 'can't do' attitude, everybody went to work and the result was a total success. It was very satisfying and emotionally rewarding when we rode down the street into Billings. We knew we had done what some said couldn't be done.

"One of the things that made me feel good...was the attitude of the old died-in-the-wool cowboys. I mean those who grew up in eastern Montana and still describe ranges by brands. They have leathery faces, gnarled hands and don't say much. They were impressed, and those folks don't impress easy!"

Flathead National Forest

In The Parade !!!!

Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear were accompanied by Information Assistant Becky Allen and Receptionist Marcia Eguchi on the Forest's float in the Northwest Montana Fair Parade. A retired and restored 1960 Studebaker 1 1/2 ton Forest Service truck served as the base of the float.



Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

BEAN-DOCHNAHL, JANET, range conserv, Madison RD, promotion
DVORAK, TOM, frstr, SO, retirement
LENNON, MARY, geol, Sheridan RD, promotion
MULLEN, LAURA, frstr, Wise River RD, promotion
SCHULZ, TERI, business mgmt clk, Sheridan RD, resignation
VORE, DENISE, fisheries biol, Wise River RD, career cond appt

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSON, ALAN, civ eng tech, SO, reass to civ eng tech, R-3, Coconino NF
BILLETER, TERESA, info recep, Lochsa RD, prom to rsr clk
BLEDSOE, JON, dist ranger, Lochsa RD, cash award
BRANNING, JERRY, frstr tech, North Fork RD, cash award
DOMAN, RANDY, fire mgmt offr, North Fork RD, reass to frstr tech, SO
FARIA, MARY, resrc clk, Lochsa RD, reass to resrc clk, R-5, Modoc NF
FOWLKES, MEL, frstr tech, Lochsa RD, cash award
GIESEY, MICHAEL, Kootenai NF, conv to career cond appt, frstr tech, Pierce RD
HACKETT, PATTY, civ eng tech, SO, prom to civ eng tech, R-3, Apache-Sitgraves NF
KEE, EDWARD, Powell RD, conv to car cond appt, frstr tech, Pierce RD
KEY, NSHARRA, SO, conv to career cond appt, info recep, Powell RD
KINZER, DONNA, Nez Perce NF, reass to compr asst, Pierce RD
MCVEIGH, MARGE, supp serv supv, Powell Rd, prom to dist admin offr, Tally Lake RD, Flathead NF
MURPHY, ELAYNE, pub affrs spec, SO, prom to pub affrs spec, Nez Perce NF
PETRICK, JOHN, silvi frstr, Pierce RD, reass to silvi, R-6, Dorena Tree Improvement Center, Umpqua NF
POLICHIO, PEGGY, frstr, Powell RD, latrl to frstr, Idaho Panhandle NF
RONDEAU, JANINE, agric res serv, reass to clk typ, Palouse RD
SCHWIND, PATTY, frstr tech, Powell RD, prom to frstr tech, R-4, Payette NF
STAFFEL, SKIP, survyr, Palouse RD, prom to survyr, Natl Park Serv
STANFORD, SHIRLEY, fin asst, Powell RD, cash award
STANFORD, SHIRLEY, fin asst, Powell RD, prom to supp serv supv
STEPHENSON, JENNIFER, resrc clk, Powell RD, reass to procur clk, Nez Perce NF
TREJO, JEFF, frstr, Pierce RD, cash award
WEDDLE, DARRELL, frstr tech, Pierce RD, cash award
WILSON, CHUCK, frstr tech, Potlatch RD, cash award

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

ANTELL, RAMONA, stdnt trn, bus mgmt, Medora RD, conversion
DESPAIN, DON, range con, Ashland RD, cc appt
FOLI, GARY, wildlife bio, McKenzie RD, conv, Ashley NF
GUMP, ROBERT, forester, Ashland RD, conv, Winoma NF
HAMMON, JOHN, soil conv, McKenzie RD, reass, SCS Wyoming
HECKER, RON, range con, Ashland RD, reass, Blackhill NF
SPEER, ANN, clerk typist, SO, cc appt

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

ALLEY, JOHN, vis info spec, cash award
BARWICK, BOB, realty spec, cash award
DIEBOLD, SIRI, realty spec, cash award
HANSON, RON, frstr, cash award
ROGINSKE, RON, frstr, to D3, temp prom, dist ranger
ROGINSKE, RON, frstr, cash award
SEEGER, RUTH, geol, cash award

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

KOENEKER, MARK, position change, compr tech, SO
MAVENCAMP, KARY, elec tech, SO, reassign, Payette NF

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

BURKENPAS, ANNA, clk typ, SO, cash award
CIFALA, FRANK, frstr, Big Timber RD, cash award
DENNEE, BOB, dist ranger, Bozeman RD, cash award
GAY, RANDY, frstr, Zone Timber, promotion, RO
GAY, RANDY, frstr, Zone Timber, Sept employee of the month
GOWAN, NANCY, supv supp serv spec, SO, cash award
GRUMSTRUP, PHIL, frstr, Big Timber RD, cash award
HERBRANDSON, GERRY, civ eng tech, SO, reass, Tongass-Sitkine NF
MOSBY, CINDY, computer asst, SO, cash award
OLIVER, JOAN, business mgmt clk, SO, cash award
ORR, SALLY, rge conserv, Big Timber RD, cash award
ORR, TAYLOR, frstr tech, Big Timber RD, cash award
PARRENT, SANDY, business mgmt asst, Big Timber RD, cash award
PETRONI, DIANE, frstr, Gardiner RD, reass, Sheridan RD
PINCZES, JOHN, frstr tech, Zone Timber, cash award
REILLY, KAY, supp serv spec, Big Timber RD, cash award
TYERS, DAN, wildl biol, Gardiner RD, promotion
WILLIAMS, MIKE, supv frstr, SO, cash award

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

COLE, LAWRENCE, forester, Helena RD, promotion
PARRISH, LORRAINE, public affairs spec, SO, prom
PAULSON, BARRY, wildlife bio, Lincoln RD, reass, Chippewa NF
PETERS, DOREEN, sss, Townsend RD, reass, scs, Bozeman
THOMAS, JEAN, hydrologist, SO, promotion

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

BEHRENS, PATRICK, frstr, BLM, promotion, Bonners Ferry RD
BLACKBURN, JOHN, frstry tech, Kootenai NF, prom, supv frstry tech, St. Maries
BLANCHARD, MYRTH, clk typ, career cond appt, SO
DAVIS, MELBA, cmpr asst, prom, sss, St. Maries RD
DIRKS, DONNA JO, cmpr clk, prom, cmpr asst, Bonners Ferry RD
DUTTON, LEANN, pers clk, prom, SO
FISHER, CAROL, pers clk, reassign, payroll clk, SO
FISHER, TERESA, clk typ, prom, resrc clk, Wallace
GIOVANELLI, DANIELA, resrc clk, reass, acct tech, SO
LOPER, DONALD, frstry tech, prom, Wallace
MCCOY, RONALD, civ eng tech, prom, fleet & equip spec, SO
MERRITT, MICHELLE L, stdnt trnee (frstry), prom, Bonners Ferry RD
POLICHIO, PEGGY, frstr, Clearwater NF, reass, Fernan RD
PEOLSTRA, EDITH, retired, Bonners Ferry RD
PEONE, ROSEMARY, sec, BIA, transfer, acct tech, SO
WHITE, SUSIE, resrc clk, prom, resrc asst, Priest Lake RD

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ADAMS, JAY, frstry tech, Fisher River RD, reass, frstry tech, Libby RD
BLACKBURN, JOHN, frstry tech, Libby RD, prom, supv frstry tech, IPNFs
CHAPEL, MARILYN, civil engr tech, West Zone, prom
ELROD, ALICE, frstr, Fortine RD, prom
GELDERMAN, RALPH, frstry tech, Fortine RD, reass, frstr
GIBSON, GLENN, frstry tech, Libby RD, spcl act/svc
HARRINGTON, JIM, frstry tech, Libby RD, prom
JERESEK, JON, frstr, Libby RD, spcl act/svc
JOHANSON, KRISTEN, bus mgmt asst, R4, Sawtooth NF, prom, suprt srv supvr, NSSC
JOHNSON, PATTI, carto tech, SO, PS, prom
LEVESQUE, BARBARA, frstr, Three Rivers RD, prom
LIPSCOMB, DAN, stdnt trn (WLDLF), Rexford RD, prom
MATTHEW, MARK, civil engr tech, West Zone, retire
MOHAR, KATHRYN, bus mgmt clk, WSSC, prom
PETERSON, MARGE, pers asst, SO, AS, suggestion
PRICE, MARY, cc appt, info recep, CSSC
ROBERTSON, JEANNE, purchs agt, SO, AS, prom
SHIRA, MICHAEL, frstry tech, Three Rivers RD, prom, ld frstry tech
SIPE, JUDY, purchs agt, SO, AS, prom
TORGRIMSON, LORRAINE, bus mgmt clk, Cabinet RD, prom

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

BROWN, DOUGLAS, frstry tech, Musselshell RD, cash award
CHESTNUT, GARY, civil engr tech, SO, cash award
COWIE, CRAIG, rsr asst, Kings Hill RD, cash award
CRAMER, KAREN, cartographer, SO, prom to visual info asst, SO
DECKER, MONTANA, cmpr clerk, SO, prom to cmpr asst, SO
HAUK, I. DON, frstry tech, Judith RD, cash award
KAMRUD, JUDY, suppt srvc super, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
KAMRUD, NORMAN, frstry tech, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
KRAUSE, MARILYN, sss, Musselshell RD, prom to public info spec, Siuslaw NF
MILLS, GORDON, frstry tech, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
MOORE, LEANNE, info recep, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
RETTKE, DORIS, SCSEP enrollee, Musselshell RD, cash award
REESE, JERRY, supv forester, SO, cash award
ROWLAND, DEAN, frstry tech, Judith RD, cash award
SANGRAY, BRAD, frstry tech, Rocky Mtn RD, cash award
TAYLOR, JUDITH, clerk typist, Judith RD, conv to cc appt
THURSTON, GAIL, clerk typist, SO, cash award
WIDDICOMBE, MIKE, frstry tech, Musselshell RD, conv to cc appt
WIEGAND, ROBERT, frstr, Musselshell RD, reass from Bitterroot NF
VANTIGHAM, CHRISTINE, clerk, SO, cash award

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

ADAMS, JEFFREY, supv frstr, Red River RD, promotion
GONZALES, LORENZO, civ eng tech, SO, temp promotion
HARPER, DAVID, frstr, Salmon River RD, promotion
HAYS, GARY, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, promotion
HOCHMUHT, GEOFF, civ eng tech, SO, reassignment
LEIDENFROST, KLAUS, wildl biol, Elk City RD, promotion
MCNICOLL, CECILIA, wildl biol, Clearwater RD, reassignment
MENDENHALL, THOMAS, fish biol, Selway RD, promotion
MERKLEY, MICHAEL, crim invest, SO, promotion
MOELLER, DEBRA, frstr tech, Red River RD, promotion

News Briefs

A Gift of a Tree

For the second year in a row, Mrs. Mary L. Fulton of Beaumont, Texas, made a memorial contribution to the Forest Service Plant-A-Tree program. She made the contribution in memory of her late husband, Dr. Neil Fulton, who was a plant pathologist at the University of Arkansas. Mrs. Fulton asked that seedlings be planted in the St. Joe National Forest. She said, "He fished the St. Joe River at Turner Flat for many years. He loved the area and its beautiful trees."

Retirement Party !!!!

A retirement party will be held for Ron Hendrickson, Regional Fire Coordinator, December 1. There will be a potluck at noon at the Aerial Fire Depot, and a get together at the Rusty Nail (corner of South and Reserve in Missoula) at 4:30 p.m. Presentations will begin around 6:00. For more information contact Colleen Finne-man or Charlie Rodgers at (406) 329-4881.

A Picnic and More !

by Rita LaFord, Forester, Rexford District

Kootenai NF employees and their families sampled the Forest's recreational opportunities at the 1989 Forest picnic held at Rexford Bench Picnic Area on Lake Koocanusa. Folks gathered from across the Forest, including Regional Forester John Mumma, sharing new ideas, strengthening friendships and building new working relationships.

The underlying theme of this year's picnic was to remind employees to take time to appreciate the unique resources of the Forest. Two bulletin boards had been constructed for the occasion: "Recreation in Action" and "Archeaological Involvement." Lake Koocanusa is an area of high cultural resource value, containing over 280 historic and prehistoric archaeological sites.

Retirements

Eli Milodragovich, mechanical engineer at Missoula Technology and Development Center for 30 years, retired September 1.

LeRoy Jones, Southern Region Deputy Regional Forester for State and Private Forestry (S&PF), is retiring after 37 years with the Forest Service. Jones was formerly Deputy Regional Forester for S&PF in the Northern Region.

In Memoriam

Roswell Leavitt, supervisor of Lolo NF from 1957-65, died October 20 at 83 in Missoula. Leavitt also worked on the Beaverhead, Kootenai, Pend Oreille, Kaniksu, Chattahoochee, and Mississippi National Forests. In 1944 he transferred to Region Five Regional Office. He served as supervisor of the Trinity NF in California, and the Colville NF in Washington before coming to the Lolo NF.

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Personnel Actions Continued

OSET, ROBERT, frstr tech, Moose Creek RD, promotion
PARADIS, WAYNE, fish biol, Clearwater RD, reassignment
THOMPSON, GERALD, frstr, Salmon River RD, promotion
TOMOMITSU, MONA, compr asst, Red River RD, promotion

REGIONAL OFFICE

ALSBURY, DOROTHY, acctg tech, ADM, cash award
APPLEKAMP, EARL, civil engr, E, prom
BURGESS, BRAD, carto aid, E, resign
CAESAR, WANDA, info recp, IO, resign
CHRISTENSEN, ALAN, wildl bio, WL&F, cash award
COLE, HAZEL, fin asst, E, reinstate
CURTISS, JULIE, phy sci aid, M&G, temp appt
DAVIS, LAURA, prog asst, MTDC, cash award
DOLAN, JIM, frstr, RNWL, cash award
DOLSMAN, CARLA, clk typ, TCFPM, cash award
DOYLE, ARLENE, wildl bio, R-10, prom, wildl bio, WL&F
DVORAK, JUNE, fin asst, MTDC, prom, prog asst, E
FINNERTY, MARY, carto aid, E, temp appt
GAY, RANDY, frstr, Gallatin NF, prom, frstr, TCFPM
HAKER, JANE, adm offr, A&FM, prom

HALL, GALEN, pers spec, PM, prom, budgt offr, PP&B
HAMILTON, JUDY, clk typ, ADM, prom, secy, RAWE
HANSONL, PENNY, clk typ, RAWE, resign
HUDDLESTON, JO, secy, RAWE, reassign, clk typ, RAWE
JASPERSON, GREG, compr spec, M&G, reassign, compr prog anal,
DOD Hawaii
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Forest Hosts Disabled Russians

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Soviet parliament member Ilya Iosevich Zaslavsky and his wife Alefkina Nikitina, both disabled, visited the Hyalite Challenge and shared a potluck dinner with about 35 members of the steering committee, Gallatin NF and Gallatin Empire Lions Club in September. The purpose of Mr. and Mrs. Zaslavsky's three-week tour of the U.S. was to further mutual understanding of the American and Soviet systems, and to develop joint U.S./Soviet initiatives to improve the lives of people with disabilities worldwide. In addition to Bozeman, the Zaslavskys planned to meet with people working in the field of accessibility for the handicapped in Greenville, South Carolina, New York City, Chicago, and Berkeley, California.

The Zaslavskys visited some of the accessible features of Hyalite and climbed the paved braille trail to Pallsade Falls. When



Mr. Zaslavsky, in chair, begins the ascent to Pallsades Falls with assist from Kevin Kelly, State Department guide assigned to the Russian visitors.

he arrived at the base of the spectacular waterfalls, Mr. Zaslavsky said that when a person with limited mobility, like himself, is allowed to visit such a natural wonder deep in the forest, it shows that society is indeed becoming sensitive to the needs of, what he termed, "the powerless". With some emotion he asked for a small branch from a subalpine fir and a pine cone, which he will take back to Russia.

After an American potluck lunch with weenies roasted on a stick, homemade baked beans in a dutch oven, and cowboy coffee, Mr. Zaslavsky shared his feelings with the group. He spoke of the needs of disabled people world-wide, talked about his life in the Soviet Union, his

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